THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) A National Summit on Public-Private Partnership for Rural Prosperity was held in New Delhi on 16th October, 2001 and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister who called upon Government and industry together to make Rural Prosperity the 'mantra' of the decade. The Summit was attended by industrialists and corporate representatives who expressed keen interest in establishing a meaningful partnership to accelerate the process of development of the rural areas. The Presentations made, *inter alia*, covered themes like the development of rural infrastructure.

Substantial allcoations have been made, over the years, for various Rural Development Schemes and Programmes, including Rs. 2500 crore for the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for the year 2001-2002. The Central share of funds for such Programmes is made available to the States and Union Territories for speedy implementation of the same, in accordance with prescribed criteria. Central releases are, accordingly, in hand in the current year.

Steps taken to identify people Below Poverty Line

1792. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken in each State and Union Territory to identify the people Below Poverty Line;

(b) the number of people found living Below Poverty Line in each State and U.T.; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the benefits of the schemes aimed at helping the BPL people, including providing of employment opportunities reach them?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development conducts a Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census in the beginning of each Five Year Plan, through the States/ UTs, to identify people living Below Poverty Line.

(b) State-wise and Union Territory-wise number of people found living Below Poverty Line in rural areas, as per the BPL Census, 1997, which have been reported to the Ministry of Rural Development, are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development has developed a comprehensive system for Monitoring of the Rural Development Programmes which includes Periodical Progress Reports, Area Officer's Scheme, Field Visits by State and Central Government officers, Ministers etc. besides, a four pronged strategy comprising creation of awareness, transparency, people's partnership and accountability (social audit) has been evolved to ensure that the benefits of the Rural Development Schemes reach the BPL people.

Statement

State-wise Results of BPL Census for 9th Plan

Sl. No	State/UTs	During 9th Plan		
		Total No. of rural families	No. of rural families below poverty line	% age of families below poverty line
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10484028	4184628	39.91
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	102852	80627	78.39
3.	Assam	3607241	2164416	60.00
4.	Bihar	18933813	9399281	49.64
5.	Goa	135816	23101	17.00
6.	Gujarat	5587768	1980879	35.45
7.	Haryana	2074615	503019	24.25
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1036996	286112	27.59
9.	J. and K.	1047251	606545	57.92
10.	Karnataka	6479832	2202756	34.00
11.	Kerala	NR	NR	—
12.	Madhya Pradesh	11651082	5111874	43.87
13.	Maharashtra	11010022	3860675	35.07
14.	Manipur	365670	246980	67.54

1	2	3	4	5
15.	Meghalaya	282362	156646	55.48
16.	Mizoram	110570	74154	67.07
17.	Nagaland$$	146615	88541	60.39
18.	Orissa*$$	6790202	4445736	65.50
19.	Punjab	2330725	650209	27.90
20.	Rajasthan	6768541	2097560	30.99
21.	Sikkim	NR	NR	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	9388118	2737921	29.16
23.	Tripura	595397	397798	66.81
24.	Uttar Pradesh	20430204	7541494	36.91
25.	West Bengal	11076686	4918296	44.40
26.	A and N Island	NR	6421	—
27.	D. and N Haveli	26237	17231	65.67
28.	Daman and Diu	10735	395	3.68
29.	Lakshadweep	8625	885	10.26
30.	Pondicherry	133555	63262	47.26
	All India	130615558	53847442	41.23

*Provisional $$Rural Household
NR- Not Reported

Indian Rural Development Report

1793. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the first Indian Rural Development Report indicating poverty was released;

(b) when the next report will be released;

(c) whether the first report indicates decline in poverty;